



**City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting**

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

5:00 P.M., Thursday, September 13, 2012
Scottsdale City Hall KIVA
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Steven Rosenberg, Chair
Raoul Zubia, Vice Chair
Nicholas Thomas, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner
Marty Day, Commissioner
Donald Nordlund, Commissioner

ABSENT: Dustin Thomas, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Human Services
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Manager; Paiute
Kathy Breen, Human Services Manager; Vista del Camino
Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance Manager
Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator
Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner And Budget Specialist
Sharon Light Stephenson
Hugh McGill, Youth & Family Services Manager
Ellen Holmes, Valley Center of the Deaf
Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager
Phil Hershkowitz, Recreation Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commission members present as noted above.

3. **Approval of the Minutes - August 23, 2012**

Approved 6-0. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Seiden and seconded by Vice-Chair Zubia.

4. **Introduction of New Human Services Commissioners**

Commissioners Nicholas Thomas and Marty Day each spoke briefly about their interest in the Commission.

5. **Presentation on CDBG/HOME Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY 2011/12**

Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance Manager, provided an overview of the FY 2011/12 CAPER and highlighted CDBG and HOME program accomplishments. The presentation included information about conditions of receiving Federal grant funds, information contained in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report submitted at the end of each program year, allocations awarded to the City of Scottsdale in FY 2011/12, the public participation process in development of the CAPER, and accomplishments for FY 2011/12.

6. **Target Population Presentation: Persons with Disabilities**

Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Manager mediated a panel discussion posing six questions to panel members. Panel members included:

Amina Kruck: Vice President of Advocacy, AZ Bridge to Independent Living
Virginia Korte: President/CEO, STARS AZ
Sarah Atkins: Staff Supervisor, Courtney's Place
Cindy Walsh: Director, Valley Center of the Deaf
David Nobel: Development Director, Suns Sounds
Deanna Zuppan: Senior Recreation Coordinator, Scottsdale Adapted Recreation Services

- **From your perspective, describe the target population, "Persons with Disabilities" in Scottsdale.**

Panel members indicated that the target population included a range of disabilities within all populations and economic groups including the aging population, physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities.

- **What are the most critical needs of the target population "Persons with Disabilities"?**

Panel members indicated that the most critical need of the target population is transportation. Secondary needs include housing options, day programs, programs teaching crucial life skills, vocational rehabilitation, inclusion programs, and programs targeted at youth/elderly.

- **What services are available to meet those needs?**

Panel members indicated that services currently available to the target population include assistive technology, employment assistance, outreach programs, home modification programs, aging disability resources (AZLINKS.gov), integration programs, recreation programs, and independent living programs.

- **Are there any unmet needs of the target population "Persons with Disabilities" that we should be aware of?**

Panel members indicated that unmet needs of the target population include a need for diverse programs targeting individual needs based on disability and age, targeted family resource groups, and technology assistance.

- **Are there any current trends/issues in the target population "Persons with Disabilities" that we should be aware of?**

Panel members indicated that current trends/issues in the target population include aging in place, increasing number of individuals seeking out assistance with coping with hearing loss, technological innovations, a growing population of autistic individuals seeking assistance, and a trend towards including universal access in new buildings. Panel members commented about the negative effects caused by the cuts in State and Federal funding.

- **Is there any last piece of information that you would like to share about "Persons with Disabilities" that has not been covered?**

Panel members indicated that in addition to the items discussed, Persons with Disabilities need opportunities to learn self-advocacy skills, because many individuals have become dependent on the "system" and because family members and caretakers can become overwhelmed.

Commissioners were given the opportunity to ask questions. Discussion continued regarding issues with transportation, assisted living, specialized group homes, and accessing information on available resources.

8. Staff and Commission Updates

Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Human Services, mentioned that the notice for request for proposals for the funding sources of Community Development and Block Grant, HOME funds, Scottsdale cares, General Funds and Endowment Funds has been posted.

Ms. Cameron noted that for the sixth year in a row Scottsdale was named one of the best communities for young people by America's Promise and is one of only 19 cities that have won the award since its inception. Vista del Camino has opened the Adopt-a-Family registration and has filled all available appointments to capacity.

Scottsdale has implemented a new program, Speak up Scottsdale, which is a moderated online discussion where the City can solicit input and residents can offer new ideas and comment on ideas provided by others.

9. Open call to the Public

There were no members of the public who wished to speak

10. Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.